

BUTLER COURT NEWS

The following tickets were paid in Butler City Court Dec. 11-16. The dollar amount at the end of each listing indicates fines, court costs, and civil penalties assessed by the court.

Notations in parentheses after each listing represents the agency issuing the ticket. A code to law enforcement agencies follows this report.

- Timothy N. Albert, Garrett, speeding, \$129 (BPD).
- Frank E. Albright, Ashley, speeding, \$126 (ISP).
- James W. Bradfield, Huntertown, speeding, \$144 (ISP).
- David L. Buckles, Auburn, speeding, \$129 (DC).
- Jenna E. Burrell, Garrett, speeding, \$129 (DC).
- Lois L. Chappell, Auburn, no seat belt, \$25 (ISP).
- Dustin L. Chipman, Waterloo, speeding, \$144 (ISP); no seat belt, \$25 (ISP).
- Stephen L. Chipman, Hamilton, no seat belt, \$25 (ISP).
- John R. Cordes, Garrett, speeding, \$144 (AUB).
- Lyndy M. Crager, Auburn, no seat belt, \$25 (AUB).
- Ricky A. Dye, Auburn, speeding, \$129 (AUB).
- Lacey M. Eakright, Butler, speeding, \$154 (BPD).
- Derek M. Feagler, Garrett, no seat belt, \$25 (ISP).
- Robyn A. Feagler, Garrett, speeding, \$129 (DC).
- Ervin J. Fetters, Auburn, speeding, \$129 (ISP).
- David S. Frey, Auburn, disregarding stop sign, \$164 (DC).
- Lewis D. Gonzalez, Auburn, no seat belt, \$25 (ISP).
- John D. Grant, Mogadore, Ohio, 14-hour rule violation (truck driver), \$214 (ISP).
- Adam L. Harger, Butler, disregarding stoplight, \$164 (BPD).
- Michael D. Hutton, Hudson, no seat belt, \$25

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 - Richard D. Jacobs Jr., Auburn, speeding, \$129 (DC).
 - Rachel R. Kaiser, Butler, speeding, \$129 (ISP).
 - Matthew W. Longville, Madison, speeding, \$169 (AUB).
 - Christopher M. Messer, Garrett, speeding, \$144 (AUB).
 - Brittany R. Neireiter, St. Joe, disregarding stop sign, \$129 (BPD).
 - Brian J. Phillips, Auburn, no seat belt, \$25 (ISP).
 - Roy L. Protsman, Auburn, no seat belt, \$25 (AUB).
 - Shaun E. Purk, Auburn, speeding, \$144 (AUB).
 - Angela R. Shepherd, Huntertown, speeding, \$129 (DC).
 - Taneka J. Slinger, Garrett, expired plates, \$129 (ISP).
 - Steven H. Smith, Garrett, speeding, \$144 (ISP).
 - Dean E. Sorg, Huntertown, no seat belt, \$25 (ISP).
 - Donna M. Stayner, Auburn, no seat belt, \$25 (ISP); no child restraint, \$25 (ISP).
 - Christopher W. Thatcher, Garrett, no seat belt, \$25 (ISP).
 - Robert L. Weber, Garrett, false or fictitious registration, \$154 (AUB).
 - Ashley N. Womack, Garrett, speeding, \$129 (DC).
- (BPD) indicates a Butler Police Department ticket; (ISP) indicates an Indiana State Police ticket; (AUB) indicates an Auburn Police Department ticket; (DC) indicates a DeKalb County Sheriff's Department ticket; (WPD) indicates a Waterloo Police Department ticket; (AS) indicates an Ashley Police Department ticket; (HP) indicates a Hamilton Police Department ticket; (HUD) indicates a Hudson Police Department ticket; (ICO) indicates an Indiana Conservation Officer ticket; (NSPD) indicates a Norfolk Southern Railroad Police ticket; (CSX) indicates a CSX Railroad Police ticket.

MILLER'S DONATES TO BOOMERANG BACKPACK



Sue Carpenter

J.E. Ober principal Greg Myers, second from left, accepts a check for \$4,505 from Miller's Merry Manor administrator Pat Ort and staff. The donation represents proceeds from Miller's Harvest Supper last month to benefit the school's Boomerang Backpack program. From left are activity director Sharon McNutt, Myers, Ort, food service manager Jeanne Rayburn and maintenance manager Chris Combs.

Students give back from Page 1

school involved by collecting coats, scarves and gloves which arrived in Dunn's classroom Friday morning, along with about \$315 in donations for purchases.

Rachel ended up with about \$1,500 in donations, allowing \$60-70 to buy gifts for each student on the list.

Working in small groups, 28 students from Dunn's classroom went shopping at Walmart with the wish lists last Thursday.

"They were so thrifty, it was great to watch them," said Dunn. "They would choose a less expensive shirt to be able to buy another item on the wish list."

Some students requested basic needs, including body

wash, toilet tissue, soap, shampoo, even undergarments, Messer said.

One student requested a toothbrush and toothpaste, according to Messer.

"Someone is going to get a boatload of toothbrushes," she laughed.

The recipients will receive their gifts in a discreet manner at school, while some parents have opted to pick up the gifts and take them home and put under their own trees, said Messer.

"Most know what is coming because of their wish lists, but there will be a couple surprises out there — some fun gifts (the shoppers) had money for because they were so thrifty," Messer said.

"One surprising thing was

when some of the teachers chipped in they said 'this really touched my heart,'" said Messer. "The Christmas spirit is really here."

"All students were given the assignment. Rachel was the mastermind behind all this," said Dunn.

"Everyone had their own projects, but when they heard about Rachel's, the rest of the class got on top of hers, as well," said Dunn. "We had a lot of wonderful projects. They did some wonderful, creative things."

Among them were donating gifts to help a Serenity House family and donating to the Goodwill and the Christmas Bureau. One student went to Miller's Merry Manor wearing a

Santa hat to visit the residents. Another made a sunshine basket for a classmate who was in the hospital, Dunn said.

A girl in Rachel's class was among those receiving gifts. The recipient chose to announce to the class how appreciative she was, said Messer.

"The student gave a very lovely speech to the girls, telling them how much it meant to her," Messer said. "It was a tearful day."

"I have been truly inspired by the generosity of others, and I am proud of the character these kids are demonstrating," said Dunn.

"They went above and beyond my expectations, ten-fold."

Kruse vows from Page 1

of complaints after Kruse International's June 20 auction at Topsfield, Mass. The agency said at least five checks that Kruse International issued to car sellers were returned, marked "insufficient funds."

"The checks that he gave them bounced. Now, they're out the money. The cars are gone," said Charles Carroll, deputy director of the Massachusetts Division of Standards.

"He's been doing this auction for 25 years, and everything up to this year was fine," Carroll said about Kruse.

Carroll said the suspension of Kruse's individual license would prevent Kruse International from conducting future auctions in Massachusetts.

"Anybody associated with him cannot operate in the state," Carroll said.

Kruse said Thursday he intends to appeal the action by Massachusetts. But the agency's letter gave him only 10 days to request a hearing on the revocation.

The Indiana Auctioneer Commission discussed Kruse's problems at its meeting Wednesday.

"We received some documentation from a couple of attorneys representing individuals who had been wronged by Kruse International," said Paul H. Ross, director of the Indiana Auctioneer Commission.

The commission did not take any action regarding Kruse. Ross said he was giving the commissioners a

"heads-up" that "it might be something that we would be involving ourselves in later down the road."

Specifically, Ross said the commission might use the state's Auctioneer Recovery Fund to pay customers who claim Kruse International owes them money.

The fund limits payments to \$20,000 per incident. Ross said no customers have formally requested payments from the fund.

According to the fund's rules, the commission must suspend the license of an auctioneer who causes a payment from the fund.

But Ross also has informed the Indiana attorney general's office about the suspension of Kruse's license in Massachusetts. The attorney general's office is investigating and could make a report to the Auctioneer Commission recommending

action. The attorney general's office does not comment on investigations in progress.

Ross said he could not predict how a suspension would affect auctions conducted by Kruse International in Indiana. On its spacious grounds south of Auburn, the company stages a giant car auction every Labor Day weekend. It conducts several other auctions there throughout the year, selling firearms and collectibles as well as cars.

Kruse said Thursday he is not worried that the status of his auctioneer license in Arizona will affect plans for his annual auction at Glendale, Ariz., in mid-January.

Kruse said he is working to comply with a recent Arizona law that requires a car auctioneer to have a permanent car dealership in Arizona.

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